IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Toru SHIOZAKI et al. :

Serial No. NEW : Attn: Application Branch

Filed February 15, 2002 : Attorney Docket No. 2002_0249

OPTICAL AMPLIFYING DEVICE (Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/773,613, Filed February 2, 2001)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph following the title on page 1, line 3 of the specification:

This is a Divisional Application of Serial No. 09/773,613, filed February 2, 2001.

REMARKS

Please enter the above amendments prior to consideration of the merits of the present application. A copy of the amended portion of the specification with changes marked therein is attached and entitled "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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